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## Gov. Harmon on Economy.

Gov. Harmon, in opening his campaign Saturday, charged the republicans with extravagance and even wastefulness, in managing national affairs. He put the figure at three hundred million dollars per annum—a formidable sum—and asked for judgment on it at the polls.

The charge is based on a speech made by Senator Aldrich, the tariff lobbyist, in which the question of expenditures came up in connection with that of raising revenue. What the senator said was instantly seized upon by his opponents as a confession of party misdoing, and as most important testimony from the leading republican fiscal authority.

After discussion began to play upon the matter, Mr. Aldrich declared that he had not meant to say that the government's supply bills could be clipped to the amount named by an easily applied economy. But the disclaimer did not avail. Democratic speakers and newspapers held the senator to their interpretation of his deliverance, and are still trying to make it stick.

Those thus charged with laying out business for Champ Clark and his lieutenants if it falls to the latter to prepare the appropriation bills for the attention of the next House. If three hundred millions a year can be saved, they must at the attempt to save it. They must send over to the republican senate bills drafted on lines of the strictest economy, and in the aggregate falling far below the record of the republicans. Then if increases are made they can be charged to the republicans.

Economy is a good cry, and we shall hear it from the housepots in the next presidential campaign. But the policy is not easily applied if based upon campaign maneuvering. Extravagance in speech is one thing; extravagance in spending money is another.

If Mr. Aldrich did not make the point attributed to him the confession now carrying his name, and which his opponents are employing as a fact, and such sum as mentioned has been wasted in government expenditures, then the democrats, in Congress and in the next presidential contest, are scheduled for trouble.

The truth is that our national development in the past few years has been extraordinary. One may not grasp the present situation at a glance. Uncle Sam's establishment is truly a big one, and at this time of day cannot be, either properly or with safety, supported on a pittance. We need a great deal of money. We should make it by the least oppressive means possible, and spend it as intelligently as possible. But the mere cheerleader has never been, and let us hope, never will be, popular in America.

## The Sultan of Sulu.

Haji Mohammed Jumal Kiram, Sultan of Sulu, is in Washington finding out what sort of place is the American capital, from which his people and several million of their neighbors are governed. Unfortunately he comes at a time when he cannot see the great American governmental machine in full operation.

He cannot see the great American governmental machine in full operation, that most characteristic expression of the American idea of self-government, to which all the dwellers in the Philippine archipelago must ultimately look for fundamental laws. But despite during his stay he will get a glimpse of the United States means. He will meet his old friend, the ex-governor of the Philippines, who has become the chief magistrate of the nation. He is attended by officers who will carefully explain to him everything he sees and put him in relation with the people.

Good much should come from this visit. The Sultan is the more difficult of our insular dependants to teach the advantages of American rule. They are quite different from the dwellers in the more northerly islands, where the problems of administration have been comparatively easy. In time the southern islanders will doubtless be brought to a higher plane of civilization and will learn to thank the United States for its benevolent work. Possibly that day will be hastened by the present trip of Haji Mohammed Jumal Kiram.

Scientific assertion that a monkey has only twenty words in its vocabulary makes it plain why the animal does not yet feel competent to come before the public and speak for itself.

Mr. Frank Hitchcock, though a man of rare practical efficiency, is not making any conspicuous efforts to help settle questions of political ethics now arising.

The Sultan of Sulu does not read what is said of him in the newspapers. He is one of the few who can succeed with that style of statesmanship.

## The "Silence" at West Point.

While it is inconceivable that the entire corps of cadets at West Point should be dismissed for insubordination in the infliction of the "silence" on an unpopular officer, such a penalty is possible under the law and practice of that institution. It appears from the dispatches from West Point that without exception all members of the four classes are subject to court-martial and dismissal if convicted. The cause in question is the instructor in tactics and seems to have incurred the displeasure of the cadets in such a degree that the dangerous expedient of the "silence" was adopted by the corps as a mute expression of demand that he be transferred. A court of inquiry is in progress to determine the fact, and it is probable that an attempt will be made by the authorities to fix the responsibility upon those who originated the idea of thus expressing the displeasure of the corps.

In normal circumstances the members of the first class are regarded as in general accountable for the discipline of the entire cadet body, and unless the blame can be fastened upon individuals the entire graduating class may be put under penalty. Even this punishment, however, may be regarded as too severe in view of the fact that the army is in urgent need of officers today and the loss of an entire graduating class would seriously embarrass the military administration.

The "silence" is regarded as one of the most difficult forms of insubordination with which the military academy authorities have to deal. It is an intangible form of insubordination, noticeable only from the fact that it is simultaneous and unanimous. It can be practiced only by virtue of an agreement in advance, and it always argues a deliberate design to give public expression to a personal dislike. If the silence is effective the officer against whom it is directed is silenced in other duties. Thus unless the authorities can check the practice the cadets have it in their power to dictate the personnel of their instructors, a privilege which is certain to lead to demoralization. Thus it is directed in its simultaneous and unanimous character to the punishment of the individuals who are responsible for the initiation of this form of insubordination those charged with the conduct of the academy are endeavoring to maintain discipline, without which the national military training school is absolutely worthless.

Cadets who do not learn the lesson of subordination will not make good officers. A man must learn to obey his superior before he can be trusted to command others, and the spectacle of an entire cadet corps failing so completely in the first essential of officership is extremely disquieting. It is to be hoped that a way can be found at West Point to enforce discipline without resorting to the extreme expedient of wholesale dismissal.

Wilson and Smith in Jersey. Pity the embarrassments, not to say the sorrows, of a scholar in politics! Woodrow Wilson—we must drop the title of doctor now—has just entered that field. A good man, a great educator, and a most upright citizen, he has been bitten by a desire for political honors, and has surrendered himself to the influences that prevail in his new environment.

The program for him leads to the top. First the governorship of New Jersey, and then the presidency of the United States. The calculation is that if he can draw New Jersey back into the Senate, a terrific column this year the achievement will give him national prestige, and he will be a factor two years hence in the democratic national convention.

There are Jersey democrats who admire Mr. Wilson very much, but deplore some of his company. They have especially in mind former Senator James Smith, Jr., who helped put the Wilson tariff bill in the shape which drew from Mr. Cleveland his famous denunciation of the Senate's part in the making of that measure, which, as amended, became a law. Besides, Mr. Smith has long been a boss in his bailiwick, and this is a year for "soaking" bosses of all grades and both parties, in Jersey and elsewhere.

It is with pain, therefore, that these men view Mr. Smith's prominence in Mr. Wilson's circle of advisers, and yield to the belief that his own object in turning to the man to whom more than any other he owes his nomination. But if Mr. Smith will do it without a nudge from him he will confer a favor on many Jerseyans who are willing to accept his activity in the campaign, and success at his hands will be a great boon to the state.

Of course Mr. Smith might accommodate these gentlemen. He might let the Senate slide, so to say, and trust fortune for a high favor should Mr. Wilson win the governorship, and then in turn the presidency. How would Postmaster General Smith sound? It is an office calling for business ability, and Mr. Smith, in addition to being a shrewd politician, is a successful man of business.

This would be a gamble. "If" Mr. Wilson becomes governor, and then "if" he becomes President. But politics is much of a gamble, and Mr. Smith, in a long career, has taken many chances. Will he take this chance? Mr. Wilson could afford to suggest such a thing to the man to whom more than any other he owes his nomination. But if Mr. Smith will do it without a nudge from him he will confer a favor on many Jerseyans who are willing to accept his activity in the campaign, and success at his hands will be a great boon to the state.

Peculiarities of the weather on this planet prevent a bestowal of much valuable intellectual energy on the climate of Mars.

The manner in which Theodore Roosevelt has been "kicked up stairs" in the past has no suggestion for his present adversaries.

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No doubt Mr. Storer has preserved copies of those letters for use as often as occasion presents itself.

## Chairman McKinley's Statement.

The republican congressional committee announces that it is playing no favorites. All properly nominated republican candidates look alike to it. It will respond to requests for assistance as they are made. Spelldancers of insurgent views will not be assigned to regular territory, nor spelldancers of regular views sent to add to the difficulties in insurgent territory. If a candidate for Congress will indicate to the committee the kind of help they need an effort will be made to provide it.

This is the only intelligent course. The committee was appointed to secure if possible a republican House, not to take sides in factional matters and foment trouble. Part of its mission is to make peace, by asking everywhere acquiescence in party action where it has been fairly taken.

Eyes can be shut anywhere to existing conditions. Between regular and insurgents, the republican party is badly torn. In some sections the factional feeling is unprecedentedly bitter. Threats are made that republican votes will be thrown to democrats. That is to say, in districts where republican candidates are in the field regulars will support the democratic nominees, and in districts where

regulars are running insurgents will vote for democrats.

This sort of talk may be liberally discounted. In times like these talk is abundant, and some alone a man seeking and loving notice may gain considerable prominence. But, undoubtedly, here and there may be found men of the disposition reported. Their "mad" is "up," and they are bent on punishing somebody.

As a matter of fact the hobble skirt does not look quite as funny in actual wear as it does in print.

Saratoga ought to present almost as interesting a field for the moving picture man as Reno offered.

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## SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

## A Prayer.

The raging foe I do not fear  
Whose hate to any depth extends,  
But Heaven this one petition hear!  
Protect me from my foolish friends!

## Literal Interpretation.

"I'm glad they're going to take the pig barrel out of Congress," said Mrs. Pilkington, who had just returned from the ladies' class in current events.  
"Indeed?" said her husband.  
"Yes; members of Congress may not be able to economize on their lunches so easily, and they'll give more thought to the cost of living."

## Evidences.

"Do you Americans really appreciate the beauties of nature?" asked the foreigner.  
"Sure we do," replied the patriotic citizen.  
"Can't you see evidences of our appreciation in the sardine cans and pickle jars that picnic parties scatter over every good piece of scenery?"

## The Worst to Come.

"Do you think we have heard the worst of the discords in our party?"  
"Not yet," replied the musical man.  
"Just wait till our glue club gets to practicing."

## A Similarity.

"Why do you always read the first few chapters of a novel by that author and then skip to the last one?"  
"Because," replied Miss Cayenne, "the author's style resembles his physical outline; superabundant toward the middle."

## The Melancholy Bard.

My sympathies are deeply stirred  
By that sad lay  
Which from a poet soul I heard  
The other day.  
Of skies so red and thoughtful so blue  
And ocean foam,  
And memories that returned anew  
And would not roam.

## The College Openings.

This week marks the opening of a large number of our higher institutions of learning, especially in New England, and many thousands of young men and women enter upon the building of what they regard as the superstructures of their educational careers. They enter college with very different feelings from those entertained when they leave it. They expect it to be a time of transforming influence upon their lives, and where they take their new responsibilities seriously they may be the result, but the first thing they need to learn is that only by their own intelligent and faithful co-operation can they obtain the rewards of their education. There is many a young man or woman who concludes a four-year course, possibly with a creditable academic record, and then finds that he is not a student of the real world, but a student of the real world, and that he is not a student of the real world, but a student of the real world.

From the Boston Transcript.

Machine republican politics in New York today is a thing of the past. The wide-open spoils era when Thomas Murphy and Chester A. Arthur maintained party headquarters in the custom house. That was a generation ago, and since then civil service reform is supposed to have made some progress, but there has been a serious relapse here. If there is a federal officeholder in the state who is not actively engaged in the present campaign it must be that he is in poor health. Most of these placemen are enlisted on the side of Mr. Roosevelt, but a few of them are conspicuous in opposition. As presidential appointees are governed chiefly by executive orders, the fact that in New York they are all up to their ears in practical politics, and that in some cases they are fighting each other, proves we think, not only Mr. Taft's indifference to the scandal but his exceeding liberality. While many Presidential appointees used federal patronage to promote their own ends, he is the first to permit its employment by an unscrupulous rival intent upon cutting his political throat.

From the New York World.

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## A NOTABLE EVENT

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Reorganized.NEW DEPARTMENTS ADDED  
Crowds Attended the Formal  
Opening Today.

GREAT DISPLAY WOMEN'S APPAREL

The announcement in yesterday's paper that Bissell's Bazaar, 1207 G street, had been reorganized was a source of great pleasure to thousands of people in Washington. They had become intimately acquainted with the Bissell organization and had noticed by it. While the business is under the same management, there has been a complete transformation in its conduct. Big improvements have been made—new departments have been added. A visit was made to the store this morning in order to personally inspect the various departments. Mr. Bissell met the investigator and conducted him through the most complimentary opinions of the millinery department. It was a revelation. 2,500 square feet of floor space devoted exclusively to millinery. There were magnificent Parisian creations in a big array, as well as a big collection of American creations. Every hat shown combined utility, style and beauty. The many visitors to this department could be heard exclaiming the most complimentary opinions of the millinery. Mr. Bissell said it was his ambition to make this the finest millinery department in Washington, and to convince the people that it was possible to get high-class millinery at a reasonable price. The Women's Suit Department was inspected next. Mr. Bissell said that he had augmented his regular line of suits with the famous La Vogue Apparel, which he considered just the thing to meet the fastidious tastes of the women of Washington. We are going to do the women's suit business, he said, and we are quoting prices that are beyond competition. We must not fail to make mention of the Jewelry Department. The thousands of pretty pieces of jewelry on display commanded admiration.

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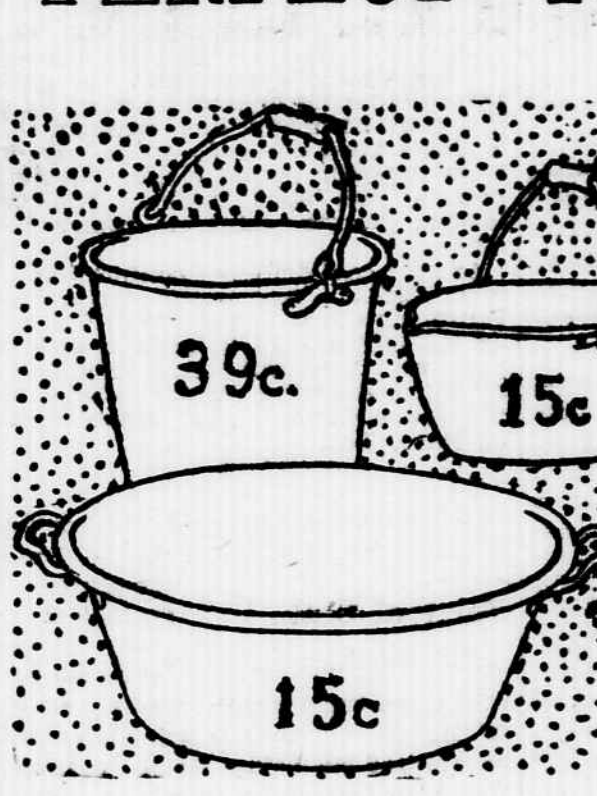
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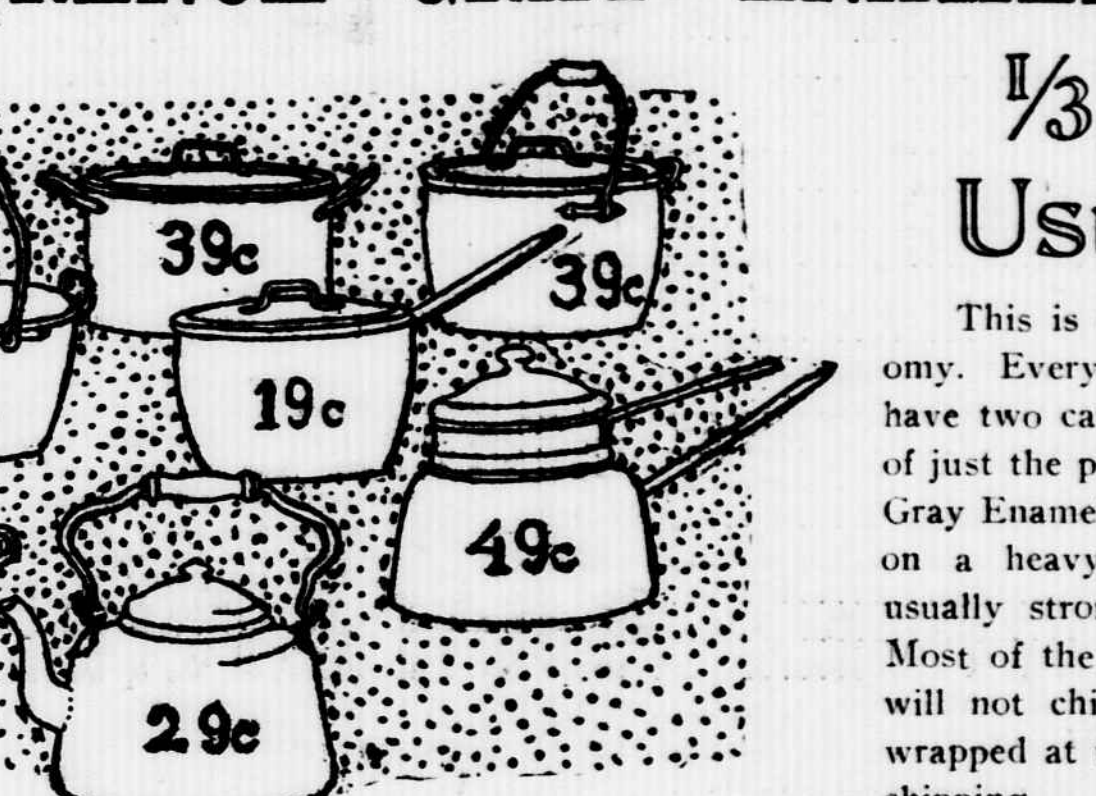
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